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I read the easy version and it looks good. An easy government system is vital, most of us can't afford lawyers. If you have addressed my idea in the details, I apologise.

My own experience was with elderly parents in law. Mental health issues and paranoia made it impossible to deal with these people. We had no power of attorney. It was messy and things went from bad to worse.

I would have liked a simple and inexpensive way to apply for Australia wide guardianship, that would give me a registered number or other assignation that i could quote when dealing with 3rd parties, like utility companies for example. It should work like an ABN number so that anyone can look it up and confirm I have guardianship and/or am an authorised person to deal with that individuals affairs. We literally couldn't cancel a gas account because the account holder was dead and they point blank refused to talk to anyone but the account holder!

Also, we lived on the border of Vic and NSW, so guardianship in just one state would not work. If you can't do federal guardianship, the other states need to at least recognise and accept your system.

Thank you
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